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BLUE SQUILLS

How many million Aprils came
  Before I ever knew
How white a cherry bough could be,
  A bed of squills how blue!

And many a light-foot April,
  When life is done with me,
Will lift the blue flame of the flower
  And the white flame of the tree.

Oh, burn me with your beauty then,
  Oh, hurt me, tree and flower,
Lest in the end death try to take
  Even this glistening hour.

O shaken flowers, O shimmering trees,
  O sunlit white and blue,
Wound me, that I through endless sleep
  May bear the scar of you!

Sara Teasdale